

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 196 – HB 483

April 1, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires each local education agency (LEA) to establish a progressive truancy intervention program for students in K-12 schools. Requires K-12 schools to implement a progressive truancy intervention plan for at-risk students before the school refers a student to juvenile court. Implements a tiered system which is triggered by a student having at least three unexcused absences within a school year. Sets forth what each tier of the progressive truancy system shall include. Prohibits the use of in-school or out-of-school suspension as part of the progressive truancy interventions. Requires referrals for truancy made to a juvenile court be accompanied by a statement from the student's school that the LEA has attempted progressive truancy interventions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006602):** Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to require LEAs to designate an employee as the attendance supervisor; (2) sets the maximum length of the attendance contract for students involved in progressive truancy intervention at 90 days or the last day of the semester; and (3) authorizes LEAs that have adopted an effective progressive truancy intervention program to present details of the intervention program to the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) for approval in lieu of strict compliance with the provisions of the bill as amended.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOE, 103 of 141 LEAs currently have an attendance supervisor.
- The 38 remaining LEAs will designate an existing employee as the attendance supervisor.

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- The DOE will be able to accommodate the provisions of this bill as amended within existing resources without an additional appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The fiscal impact of designating an existing employee as the attendance supervisor is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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